



After PC's greatest era:

Marc Weersing to Retire As President Next Year

Dr. Marc C. Weersing, now completing his 15th year as president of Presbyterian College, plans to retire next year after reaching the regular retirement age of 65.

Trustee Chairman J. Austin Dilbeck of Atlanta announced the board has accepted President Weersing's request for retirement with regret and deep appreciation for his years of unprecedented service to PC. Dilbeck added:

"Since Marc Weersing became president in 1963, Presbyterian College has gone through its greatest period of development. And even now, the college moves successfully through its \$10 million Second Century Fund for future strengthening. This campaign already has produced more than \$6 million in its first 18 months. With Marc's continued help, we hope to complete it during his remaining time in office."

In the last 15 years under President Weersing, PC has grown from 504 students to 850, now fully coeducational. The faculty has almost doubled to handle an expanded curriculum, eight major new buildings have been added, and total assets have increased 300 percent—from \$5 million to \$20 million. This period also has brought closer church relations and dramatic increases in support by the church as well as by alumni and friends.

Chairman Dilbeck said he, in consultation with the trustee executive committee, has appointed a presidential search committee to provide for an orderly transition of office. Work toward securing a new president is expected to extend throughout much of the next school year.

Dr. Weersing, in his letter to the board of trustees, requested retirement not later than June 30, 1979. He will reach PC's normal retirement age on his 65th birthday next March 10. He and Mrs. Weersing two years ago purchased a home in Clinton and expect to make their permanent residence here after he becomes president-emeritus.

Marc Weersing succeeded Dr. Marshall W. Brown as

president in August, 1963. He was a member of the board of trustees at that time and served as minister of the Spartanburg First Presbyterian Church. Recognized as a leader in the Presbyterian Church US, he earlier had been pastor of the Jackson (Miss.) Central Church after service in Elberton and Decatur, Ga.

He is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., with degrees from Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary and a Th.M. from Columbia Seminary in Decatur. He holds honorary degrees from both Southwestern at Memphis and The Citadel. Mrs. Weersing is the former Jean Barry Adams of Charlotte.

Search Committee Seeks Nominations

The presidential search committee—composed of eight trustees, two faculty members, two students and one administrative officer—encourages alumni and friends to make nominations for consideration and to provide supporting data. The members are:

Trustees Langdon Flowers of Thomasville, Ga. (chairman), Dr. Virginia Hardie of Pendleton (co-chairman), Irwin Belk of Charlotte, the Rev. Joe W. B. Brooks of Rock Hill, the Rev. James E. Fogartie of Spartanburg, William B. Hart of Atlanta, James W. Spradley of Eastman, Ga., and Robert M. Vance of Clinton (ex-officio); faculty members Dr. Randolph Huff and Dr. Lennart Pearson; students Danny Cook of Hampton and Virginia Johnson of Rock Hill, president and vice-president respectively of the student body; and administrative officer Ben Hay Hammet.

Send your nominations to the Presidential Search Committee at Presbyterian College.



PC men: to the nationals in Kansas City

In the tennis spotlight, from left, front row: Philip Brice, Bobby McKee, Chuck Waldron, Don Jeter and Raouf Ben Farhat; back row: Luiz Penna, Mauricio Behar, Ashley Warthen, Erik Seifert.



PC women: to the regionals in Memphis

Net Coach Richard McKee relaxes with his surprising women's team, left to right: Martha Decker, Betty Lynn Lybrand, Ina Nelson, Lynn Barton, Sally Walker, Traci Jones and Adair Allen.

And winning records in track and golf:

Another Big Bid for the NAIA Tennis Championship

Tennis again set the pace as all PC teams this spring posted strong winning records to make 1977-78 a good year for Blue Hose athletics.

The men's tennis team leaves late this month for Kansas City to make its annual bid for the national championship in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament.

And the women netters have just returned from Memphis, Tenn., as state representatives to the small-college-division regional tournament of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. They finished seventh among the 13 teams competing there.

In keeping with the PC athletic tradition, the girls received the Sportsmanship Award in the state tournament by vote of coaches and players of participating teams. Their regular season ended with a 7-5 record. Betty Lynn Lybrand of Greenville and Martha Decker of Laurinburg, N. C., playing at 5 and 6 respectively, led the singles with 11 victories each against just one loss.

Men's tennis, continuing to play top NCAA schools, enjoyed a 19-13 record and easily swept the NAIA district tournament to qualify for the national championships. Chuck Waldron of Clinton won 22 matches at the number 5 singles slot, while Bobby McKee of Spartanburg and Captain Raouf Ben Farhat of Tunisia won 20 each at 2 and 3.

It's been a good first year for Richard

McKee, who joined the staff last summer as tennis coach for both men and women.

A 6-1 season in track

Track under Coach Elliott Poss raced to a fancy 6-1 record in dual meets this spring and finished third in the NAIA district meet. Sprinters and weightmen proved most productive for the Blue Hose.

David Elliott of Stone Mountain, Ga., dominated the short dashes, ended as high point man for the third straight year and was voted most valuable. Butch Hills of Isle of Palms, consistent 440 winner, was runner-up in total

points, while Chuck Jordan of Conway led the hurdlers. Other standouts were shot-putters Mark Kay of Anderson and Danny Thornton of Washington, Ga., Hugh Bailey of Liberty in the discus and Claude Crocker of Clinton throwing the javelin.

Golfers stroke 12-9 mark

On the links, PC golfers posted a final scorecard of 12 wins and 9 losses in dual matches before finishing seventh in the NAIA district meet. Warren Finney of Clinton led the team as the most consistent low-scorer and was named to the All-District squad. John Perry served as coach.

1978 Football Schedule: Make Your Homecoming Plans Now

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 2	Mars Hill	Mars Hill, N. C.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	The Citadel	Charleston, S. C.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Guilford	Clinton, S. C.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Lenoir Rhyne (Parents Day)	Clinton, S. C.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Fort Benning	Fort Benning, Ga.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Catawba (Youth Day)	Clinton, S. C.	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Elon	Elon, N. C.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Open		
Oct. 28	Wofford	Spartanburg, S. C.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Gardner-Webb (Homecoming)	Clinton, S. C.	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Carson-Newman	Jefferson City, Tenn.	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	Newberry (Thanksgiving Dinner on Campus)	Clinton, S. C.	2:00 p.m.

Homecoming Class Reunions: 1918 (60th), 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 (50th), 1937, 1938 (40th), 1942, 1943 (35th), 1947, 1948 (30th), 1952, 1953 (25th), 1958 (20th), 1963 (15th), 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968 (10th), 1976, 1977.

Annual Giving's Torrid Climb Hits \$93,346

Annual Giving reached \$93,346 by May 20 to establish another record pace for this time of year.

The contributed total comes from 971 donors as PC seeks to raise \$275,000 through this program during 1978. Annual Giving recorded a new high of \$261,176 last year.

A quick breakdown of the \$93,346 shows alumni giving the lion's share in the amount of \$66,076 from 740 donors. PC Associates have added \$8,521; non-alumni parents, \$4,625; and other friends, \$14,125.

Telethons in key areas during the past several weeks gave a boost to the big spring effort to get the program well-launched. Altogether, 30 alumni manned the telephones in five areas to contact other PC men and women in behalf of Annual Giving. So far, their work has produced more than \$15,000 from 280 subscriptions.

The telethon sessions were conducted by these participants:

Atlanta—Joe Weingartner '51, Richard Bell '43, Bill Hart '57, Sandra McQueen '70, Susie Gay '76 and Jimmy Allen '75.

Charlotte — Jim Barnhardt '67, Sandy Lynn '68, Cater Ligon '28, Ralph Irwin '72 and John Henderson '63.

Columbia — Butch Woodward '60, Bob Hill '58, Arthur Lynn '29, Jay Drake '58, Laine Ligon '70, Cecil

Brearley '43, Mike LeFever '69, Ben Moye '42 and Alvin Roof '77.

Greenville—Sandy Hagood '65, Ted Howie '56, Bob Ellison '40 and Toby Hunter '59.

Rock Hill — Arnold Marshall '29, Harry Hicklin '48, Bob Stevens '62, Ed Gilmer '34, Andy Douglas '73 and Thorn Neely '71.

Reports continue to come in from these areas as the working teams complete their contact among those individuals not reached during the telethons.

Clinton plans to conduct its own personal solicitations drive later this year. And an organization of class agents is being formed to solicit classmates by mail.

PC Alumni Giving Makes National Finals Again

For the eighth straight year, PC makes the finals of the United States Steel Alumni Giving Incentive Awards competition sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

A select group of 1978 finalists has been chosen from among the 1,500 colleges and universities reporting on their financial support. Winners will be announced at the CASE national assembly in July.

Besides being cited the past eight years, the PC Annual Giving program has received two national awards from the US Steel Foundation — the most recent being presented last summer.

Alumni Set Fast Spring Pace

Fourteen alumni activities in nine local areas in three states filled the spring schedule and drew almost 500 persons to the social dinner meetings and Annual Giving telethons. The events listed below give you a quick review of the full spring slate.

Date	Area	Activity, Time, Place	Leaders
March 15	Rock Hill	Social Dinner Meeting Hungry Bull, 7:00 p.m.	Arnold Marshall
March 29	Atlanta	Social Dinner Meeting Rodeway Inn, 7:30 p.m.	Bill Baker
April 10	Rock Hill	Telethon for Annual Giving Standard Life Ins. Co., 7:00 p.m.	See Annual Giving update story this page
April 11	Columbia	Social Dinner Meeting Palmetto Club, 7:30 p.m.	Susan Smith, Bob McNair
April 12	Greenville	Social Dinner Meeting Colonial Court Motel, 7:30 p.m.	Jimmy Stewart
April 13	Atlanta	Telethon for Annual Giving Atlanta 1st National Bank, 7:30 p.m.	See Annual Giving update story this page
April 18	Charlotte	Social Dinner Meeting Meyers Park Country Club, 6:00 p.m.	Jim Barnhardt, Jr.
April 20	Charleston	Social Dinner Meeting 2nd Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m.	James Blake
April 27	Columbia	Telethon for Annual Giving Merrill, Lynch, 7:00 p.m.	See Annual Giving update story this page
May 3	Charlotte	Telethon for Annual Giving 1st Union National Bank, 7:00 p.m.	See Annual Giving update story this page
May 4	Greenville	Telethon for Annual Giving C. Dan Joyner & Co., 7:00 p.m.	See Annual Giving update story this page
May 9	Anderson	Social Dinner Meeting Quincy's Steak House, 7:30 p.m.	Ernest "Hawk" Evans
May 10	Augusta	Social Dinner Meeting Town Tavern, 7:30 p.m.	Richard Bowles
May 11	Florence	Social Dinner Meeting Greenbriar Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.	Rowland McLaughlin

Alumni Swiss Tour Takes Off With Capacity Crowd on Board

Taking off on PC's first alumni tour, 42 individuals join alumni groups from the University of South Carolina, Furman and Newberry in flying to Switzerland for this special June 4-12 holiday trip.

With this number, we exceeded PC's tentative goal of 40 persons to help fill the chartered airplane scheduled to fly out of the Columbia Airport.

The alumni executive committee, pleased over the response to this first venture in providing a tour service, already is considering a trip to Great Britain in the summer of 1979. Start making your plans now to join us.



Tentatively valued at \$400,000:

Bequest of Irene Dillard Elliott Puts 2nd Century Fund at \$6 Million

A bequest tentatively valued at almost \$400,000—the largest ever made to Presbyterian College by a former student—comes from the estate of the late Mrs. Irene Dillard Elliott '12, distinguished South Carolina educator from Columbia. She died on April 5, 1978, at age 85 after a lifetime of accomplishment.

This bequest, now in the final stages of settlement, raises the Second Century Fund campaign total to just over \$6 million.

Atlanta Presbytery, where Second Century Fund efforts now are centered, reports more church subscriptions and continued foundation support.

The latest congregations to subscribe major amounts are the Decatur Presbyterian Church with \$100,000 and the Atlanta First Church with \$75,000.

The John and Mary Franklin Foundation of Atlanta recently gave \$30,000 for unrestricted use, while the Fuller E. Callaway Foundation of LaGrange contributed \$25,000 to help renovate the administration building.

Resources from the estate go into the Dillard-Elliott Scholarship fund established by Mrs. Elliott six years ago. It serves as a memorial to Grandfather James Henry Dillard and to her attorney husband Charles Bell Elliott.

Dr. Dillard was a country doctor in early years of Laurens

County, the son of Revolutionary War hero Captain James Dillard. His daughter married the Rev. William P. Jacobs, founder of PC. His son was the father of Mrs. Elliott and two other daughters—Mrs. Mary Dillard Sturgeon and the late Mrs. N. Reese Young—who also attended the College.

Charles Elliott was an esteemed member of the University of South Carolina law school faculty and widely recognized for his scholarship through lectures, writings and legal opinions.

Mrs. Irene Dillard Elliott, a native of Clinton, attended PC before receiving her undergraduate degree from Randolph Macon Woman's College. She went on to earn her PhD in English from the University of North Carolina—the first woman to acquire this degree from a southern university.

Mrs. Elliott set precedent again when she became the first woman to serve as dean of women at the University of South Carolina. She also taught English at USC and, upon her retirement, received the appointment of assistant professor emeritus of English. She is included in the volume **South Carolina's Distinguished Women of Laurens County**, published several years ago.

Taking renewed interest in Presbyterian College during the last decade of her life, Mrs. Elliott was an active member of the board of visitors. In addition to setting up her Dillard-Elliott Scholarship, she gave family heirlooms, other antiques and books to furnish the Dillard-Elliott Room in PC's new Thomason Library.

Campus Plays Summer Host to Varied Groups

In addition to the regular summer school, PC plays host to a variety of short-term summer activities ranging from religious conferences to sports camps, from a civic youth organization to band and cheerleader groups.

The schedule began in mid-May, with some 240 high school boys and girls here for the 11th annual convention of the South Carolina District Junior Civitans.

Presbyterians of the Synod of the Southeast have two June events on tap: the 1978 Youth Conference and Adult Youth Leadership Training Session on June 14-17; and the 1978 Women's Conference on June 19-23. A third religious group will come to the campus on July 23-28—the women's division of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the southeastern region.

The first of four PC tennis camps (coed for ages 9-17), set for June 19 - July 1, already is about full. Reservations still may be made for other one and two-week sessions on

July 10-15, July 17-29 and July 31 - August 5. Contact PC Coach Richard McKee for details. Also on the sports scene will be a basketball camp for boys on July 9-15 and one for girls on July 16-22. Contact Coach Larry Burch.

South Carolina's Cinderella Girl Pageant on June 27-July 1 will select winners in four age groups from tots through teens. Then, on August 6-10, junior and senior high school cheerleaders will return to the PC campus for the second year for the South Carolina Regional Cheerleader Institute conducted by the International Cheerleading Foundation.

Three high school bands will be in residence here in August for intensive practice sessions: musicians from Spartanburg's Dorman High are scheduled for August 6-10; those from Mauldin High and North Augusta High, both for August 13-18.